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functioning.

Q. I don't mean to be disrespectful, but I don't

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think that that responded to my question.

A. I apologize if it didn't.

Q. In lieu of having the -- it is all right. In 5

lieu of having the court reporter read it

7 back, I will try again.

We can agree that you are saying 8

that Hodell had the capacity and, therefore, 9

should have been able during the damages 10

period to ship 4.2 million pounds of 11

additional product than what it actually 12

shipped, correct? 13

A. Correct. 14

Q. Okay. And to go from that calculation of what 15

their capacity was or should have been and

translate that into an actual lost profits

calculation, there's an assumption in between

it, right, and the assumption has to be that 19

Hodell had customers that would have ordered 20

that additional product, right? 21

A. The before-and-after method, before-and-after

approach, that I have taken was looking at the 23

difference in the productivities in 24

quantifying the financial impact of lost

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profits of that difference in productivity.

I wouldn't agree with you that I 2

could specifically point out another 3

4 \$4.2 million worth of orders that were

5 cancelled.

6 And I apologize if I'm not answering

7 your question, but that is how I understand

8

9 Q. Well, my question, to be very fair, sir, did

not use the word cancel. I didn't say

anything about cancelled orders. 11

12 I asked you whether there was an

13 assumption that was made by you that allows

you to take yourself from the calculation, 14

say, that, hey, Hodell on the one hand had the 15

capacity during the damages period to ship out 16

another 4.2 million pounds of product and it 17

should have shipped that out; and had it 18 shipped it out it would have translated into

the lost profits figure that you came up with. 20

My question to you, sir, is in 21

between those two calculations you would agree 22

23 with me that there is an assumption that in

order to translate the lost profits there must 24

have been customers out there at least willing 25

1 Q. What do you mean by "regression analysis"?

Break that down in layman's terms.

3 A. They were looking at relationships of various

purchasing manager indices and other

government statistics such as that. That's as 5

specific that I recall. I think there were

some other analysis that I was challenging the

staff on their direction. 8

9 Q. Was there ever any consideration of making a

calculation of damages based on increased 10

operational costs or calculation of lost 11

savings? 12

13 A. Not the lost savings that I can recall. I

mean, in my view the operational cost is a

component of the lost profits calculations 15

that I've done. 16

17 Q. And other than the regression analysis is

there anything else specifically that you can

recall that was considered as a methodology or 19

possible theory that was worked on by FTI and 20

then rejected, unfavorable, to being the 21

actual report? 22

23 A. I didn't catch the last part of the question.

I'm sorry.

25 Q. Sure. I'll say it again. Other than the

regression analysis, is there any other

methodology or theory of damages that you

recall being considered at FTI and then not 3

being included in the final report?

5 A. I am not recalling anything specific, but I

can tell you I was pretty tough on the staff

7 in terms of really making sure that the

analysis was a tight one. 8

9 Q. So when you say that Hodell suffered actual

lost profits because it should have been able 10

to ship 4.2 million additional pounds of 11

12 product during the damages period than what it

13 actually shipped, what you are actually saying

is, or at least assuming, is that Hodell lost 14 opportunities to ship that additional amount 15

of product, correct? 16

17 A. It's a way to quantify using the

before-and-after method, which is the standard 18

acceptable method in my profession for 19

calculating lost profits. 20

Based on actual data, and not 21

conjecture, a comparison of the productivity 22

23 in a five-year period prior to the

installation of the package and during the 24

two-year period when the package was 25

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assumption; that there is a customer ready,

- willing, and able to pay for this product, 2
- doesn't that render your opinion completely 3
- 4 speculative?
- 5 A. Not at all. My opinion was based on the
- actual facts during the pre-damage period and
- 7 during the damage period both.
- It was very robust and supported by 8
- information the company maintained in the
- ordinary course of business. 10
- 11 Q. Well, let's look on your specific opinion. Go
- to Page 12 for me and the last full paragraph. 12
- You say, quote -- you calculated, 13
- quote, an incremental 4.2 million pounds of 14
- product would have been shipped, which, if 15
- shipped, would have resulted in a lost revenue 16
- of around \$9 million and lost profits of 17
- 3.2 million during the damages period.
- Sir, from your own statement, from 19
- 20 your own report, where you say -- where you
- talk about product which, if shipped, you are 21
- necessarily assuming that there were customers 22
- who had placed orders and were going to have 23
- product shipped to them during that damages 24
- period, correct?

- based on the facts of this case.
- 2 What I am trying to get at is
- whether you made any assumption. I take it 3

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- 4 from your testimony repeatedly here that you
- made no assumption; you think none is 5
- 6 necessary.
- 7 But I point you now to this language
- in your report, the "which is shipped" phrase 8
- on Page 12. 9
- And let me just get your 10
- 11 understanding. Your testimony to the jury in
- this case would be that you are making no 12
- assumption that there were customers to whom 13
- that product would be shipped that were ready
- to place orders and pay Hodell to receive 15
- 16 those products, right?
- A. I can't answer that any differently than I've 17
- answered it for, you know, probably
- approaching a dozen times now. 19
- 20 Q. Okay. So you can't tell me to whom exactly
- the 4.2 million pounds of products would have 21
- been shipped and which customers would have
- paid Hodell for that product, right?
- A. That would never, ever be a part of a
- before-and-after and a but-for world of

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- 2 A. That's not correct. This is a way to
- MR. LAMBERT: Objection.
- phrase --
- 4 Q. You are assuming that those products -- you
- are assuming that those products would have
- been shipped?
- 7 A. This, for the fifth or sixth time is a way to
- quantify the impact of the drop in 8
- 9 efficiencies.
- And I phrased it the way I've 10
- phrased it to try to summarize and explain 11
- 12 what is in the details of the calculations;
- 13 that there was a material decline in the
- productivity during the period we are calling 14
- the damage period and this is a method of 15
- quantifying the impact on profitability of the 16
- business as a result of that. 17
- 18 Q. And I'll tell you again that I think your
- answer is not responsive, and I'm not 19
- questioning you on -- right now on the 20
- methodology itself. I'm not looking at your 21
- equation that you have put together, okay. 22
- 23 I am asking you about the factual
- assumptions that leads you to believe that 24
- your calculation of lost profits is reliable

- quantification of lost profit damages. That's
- never been the standard for accounting experts
- to point to a customer that hung up the phone 3
- 4 or the customer that didn't call.
- Q. Now, you can't even tell me which of Hodell's
- specific products you believe would have been
- shipped that would have made up this 4.2
- million additional pounds of product, correct?
- A. It wasn't something that I have any reason to
- try to parse out. 10
- O. Okay. You are aware that Hodell has over
- 40,000 inventory items in its stock?
- A. I believe I say that in my report. Yes, I am.
- Q. Okay. You are aware that some products weigh
- a lot but don't cost much while other products 15
- don't weigh very much at all and cost more
- than heavier products, correct? 17
- A. I am. 18
- Q. Okay. I mean, just so we are clear, we've got
- this from folks at Hodell in prior testimony, 20
- but, you know, Hodell stocks products that are 21
- made of different types of metals; some metals 22
- 23 cost more but weigh less than others, right,
- you aware of that through your site visit with 24
- Kevin? 25

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a question.

the sentence in terms of what I was intending

And, again, I am not sure where this

leaves me in terms of what to do next so...

question that you can answer, then he can ask

appropriate word choice there should be could

have been shipped, correct, you agree with

what -- it's very clear to me what I have done

two as it relates to the work that I have done

19 Q. Well, as I understand your testimony, you've

actually just ignored completely the issue of

whether there were customers willing and able

13 A. If I think that better communicates to you

I am not hearing a difference in the

or what I'm trying to communicate here.

to place orders, take shipment, and make

payment and, therefore, made no analysis

whether, in fact, 4.2 additional pounds of

product would have been shipped over the

and what I have said in my report.

MR. LAMBERT: Well, if he has a

9 Q. Sir, you agreed with me that the more

to communicate or in describing the

calculations that I performed.

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1 A. Again, I don't have a preference as to which

2 of the two words if it better explains what I

3 was trying to communicate. I am not hearing a

4 difference in inserting one versus the other.

5 I'm not sure how the protocols and

6 the process works here. Not being a lawyer I

7 am going to have to --

8 Q. The protocol and process -- the process is

9 that it is your report. In your report you've

indicated that you have reserved the right to

11 amend it.

You say that on Page 6. I reserve

the right to amend my report accordingly if

14 new or additional information becomes

15 available to you.

16 A. (Witness reviewing document.)

17 Q. I am asking you whether you agree based on

your testimony that it is now appropriate for

19 you to amend your report.

MR. LAMBERT: Greg, you are putting

21 words into his mouth as to what you are asking

22 him to do.

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I don't understand why this has --

24 what the point of this is. He has testified

as to what he has testified about; his report

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1 damages period, correct?

2 A. That's right. I didn't try to identify the

3 customer that didn't call or the customer that

4 hung up, which is not part of a lost profits

5 calculation.

6 Q. You simply opined that Hodell had the capacity

to make more shipment, correct?

8 A. Correct. This is the impact of the

9 profitability -- wait. The capacity is

10 measured by the work force, labor, and the

11 efficiency and the decrement in deficiency in

that work force.

13 Q. And, therefore, you calculated that Hodell

could have shipped 4.2 million additional

pounds of product and not offered any

testimony that Hodell, in fact, would have had

opportunities to make those shipments,

18 correct?

19 A. Yeah, I don't disagree with that.

20 Q. So given that, just given what we've just gone

over, and I will ask you again, are you still

unwilling to right now take a pen and amend

your report and change the word "would" to

"could" so that it reads could have been

25 shipped?

- 1 says what it says. That is why we are here.
- 2 What is the point of all of this?
- 3 Q. Sir, can you answer my question?
- 4 A. As you pointed out on Page 6, my report says
- 5 my opinion may be modified or supplemented
- 6 based upon additional information may become
- 7 available to me up to and during trial.

8 This is just grammar and the

9 difference, maybe, between an attorney's

10 background and an accountant's.

11 Could have been shipped -- it is an

impact on the profitability. "Could have been

shipped," "would have been shipped," to me are

14 saying the same thing.

15 Q. Well, we can agree that no product would have

been shipped over the damages period by Hodell

unless a customer was actually there ready,

willing, and able to place an order, take the

shipment and make payment, we can agree on

20 that, right?

21 A. Yes. I think that's back to the business

22 fundamental questions we had earlier this

23 morning.

24 Q. Okay. So you do agree with me, yes?

25 A. Yes, to the fundamental --

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1 but wouldn't you agree that your calculation

- 2 also then overstates the potential harm that
- 3 Hodell suffered because unless you can show
- 4 that Hodell was going to take orders and
- 5 fulfill them and get paid by customers, there
- 6 could be no lost profits?
- 7 A. I disagree with that.
- 8 Q. So just so we are clear, your lost profits
- 9 calculation also includes increased overhead
- 10 costs?
- 11 A. I am not following that.
- 12 Q. Well, you say that your lost profits
- calculation already, in part, as I understand
- your testimony, covers the harm that Hodell
- 15 allegedly suffered from having workers who
- were not working at peak efficiency.
- In other words, in your view Hodell
- was paying more workers or paying workers too
- much to work at less than full capacity and
- 20 that's part of your lost profits calculation
- 21 already, right?
- 22 A. The lost profit calculation uses not
- 23 speculative but actual costs that were being
- incurred by the company in each of the
- period -- each of the months during the damage

- 1 statements of income.
- 2 (The stenographer hands
- 3 document to the witness and
- 4 Attorney Lambert.)
- 5 MR. STAR: Let's mark that Kennedy
- 6 3, please.
- 7 (Exhibit No. 3 marked.)
- 8 Q. Dr. Kennedy, the document marked Kennedy 3 is

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- 9 -- these are documents that, unfortunately,
- when they were copied the Bates label on the
- 11 bottom right-hand corner has gotten cut off.
- These are documents, I will
- represent to you, that were produced in this
- 14 case by Hodell.
- They were not produced in the order
- that I have given you. I have made sort of a
- compendium exhibit here to provide you with
- the statements of income for 2009, '10, '11,
- 19 and '12.
- 20 Are these documents that I have
- 21 handed you here that has been marked as
- Exhibit 24 and now Kennedy 3 documents that
- you have seen in the past and used in
- 24 preparing your opinions?
- 25 A. (Witness reviewing document.) I would have to

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- look at the Bates stamps compared to what I
- 2 have indicated in my report I had received and
- 3 reviewed.
- 4 I don't have a recollection of the
- 5 2011, 2012 income statements in the form that
- 6 they are presented, but I know that we had in
- 7 our file annual financial statements, the
- 8 reviewed financial statements for Hodell for a
- 9 sweep of years that may have encompassed
- 10 these. I am not sure.
- 11 Q. Okay. All right. Fair enough. And let's do
- 12 this --
- MR. LAMBERT: Greg, your audio is
- 14 cutting out significantly. I don't know if
- NextGen is still on the line or not.
- MR. STAR: All right. Lisa, go off
- 17 the record, please.
- 18 (Discussion off the record.)
- 19 Q. All right. So we had some technical problems
- 20 there and we lost each other for a few minutes
- on the video and audio feed, but, Mr. Kennedy,
- we are looking at Exhibit 24 and the document
- marked as Kennedy 3.
- And I understand you don't have a
- 25 specific recollection of whether you reviewed

1 period.

- 2 I didn't set out to reduce those
- 3 costs and increase the margin in addition to
- 4 the calculations that I've made.
- 5 Q. Lets look at some of Hodell's financial
- 6 records that I believe you used, listed out in
- 7 your report, and you used for the basis for
- 8 the lost profits calculation.
- 9 MR. STAR: Lisa, we have marked
- there a document that is deposition
- 11 Exhibit 24. Can you hand that to Dr. Kennedy,
- 12 please?
- MR. LAMBERT: Can I have a copy?
- 14 Q. Do you have that, Dr. Kennedy?
- **15** A. I do, deposition Exhibit 24.
- 16 Q. Okay. This is a document that was marked in,
- 17 I think, Kevin Reidl's deposition -- pardon
- me, Otto Reidl's deposition some years back.
- These are documents produced by
- 20 Hodell. Could you just set that one to the
- 21 side for a moment. I want to hand you another
- 22 exhibit.
- MR. STAR: Lisa, in one of the
- 24 folders, I think it is marked No. 5, there is
- a three-page exhibit. It is Hodell-Natco

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